

**RULES
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER**

**CHAPTER 1720-3-6
STUDENT HOUSING REGULATIONS**

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1720-3-6-.01 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- (1) Room Damages - Student Housing recognizes the residents' desire to personalize their room with items such as pictures, lamps, etc. When the use or hanging of these items damages the walls, floors, ceilings or furnishings of a room or apartment, charges for repair or replacement will be the responsibility of the resident.
- (2) Possession of alcohol and drugs in residence halls is prohibited.
- (3) Possession of explosive or firearms in residence halls is prohibited.
- (4) Pets are prohibited in the residence halls and on the premises. The only exception to this policy is trained guide dogs accompanying individuals with visual impairment.
- (5) Cooking in the residence halls is allowed in designated kitchen areas. Appliances approved for use in student rooms are: Electric coffeepots, coffee warmer, electric hot pots and microwave ovens. All other appliances are prohibited. No appliances with an open flame or exposed heating element are allowed.

Authority: *Public Acts of Tennessee, 1839-1840, Chapter 98, Section 5 and Public Acts of Tennessee, 1807, Chapter 64. Administrative History:* Original rule filed September 15, 1976; effective October 15, 1976. Repealed by Public Chapter 575; effective July 1, 1986. New rule filed May 27, 1986; effective August 12, 1986. Amendment filed August 31, 1995; effective December 30, 1995.

1720-3-6-.02 SAFETY INSPECTION.

- (1) Fire drills are conducted a minimum on 4 times each year. All residents are required to participate. Persons in the hall who fail to exit the building when a fire alarm sounds, shall be subject to disciplinary action.
- (2) Safety inspections are conducted monthly to check smoke detectors and check for other fire or safety violations. A notice of the scheduled inspection will be posted in visible areas of the residence halls 24 hours before the scheduled inspection. Residents violating safety rules and regulations are subject to disciplinary action.
- (3) Smoke Detectors have been installed in each residence hall room according to Tennessee Fire Code. These detectors are placed in the room to alert the residents to the presence of smoke. UT, Health Science Center staff members inspect the smoke detectors monthly to assure that they are operating properly. Removal or tampering with smoke detectors or other fire safety equipment is prohibited.

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(Rule 1720-3-6-.02, continued)

1720-3-6-.03 VIOLATIONS. Any violation of these regulations is punishable by those penalties set forth in the Student Rights and Responsibilities section of the UT Health Science Center Student Handbook.

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1720-3-6-.04 HOUSING CONTRACT.

- (1) The Housing Acceptance Agreement Form (Housing Contract) is a binding contract. Signing of the agreement constitutes a legal contract between The University of Tennessee, Health Science Center and the resident to fulfill the terms of the contract.
- (2) Contract Period: The Housing Acceptance Agreement Form, unless otherwise stated on the agreement, is for the full academic year from July 1 through June 30.
- (3) Release from Contract: Release from the contract will be granted for any of the following reasons. Marriage during a term, end of term, university assignment to an out of town rotation, withdrawal or suspension. Residents are required to submit a notice of cancellation to the Office of Student Housing thirty (30) days before the date they plan to cancel the contract. Providing the request for release meets the terms of the contract residents will be held responsible for 30 days rent from the date cancellation notice is received.
 - (a) New assignments - A contract may be cancelled with no penalty providing the Office of Student Housing is notified in writing by the cancellation date shown on the contract. A contract cancelled after the contract cancellation date through the first day of registration will be accepted providing the student has not checked in the residence hall. This cancellation will result in forfeiture of the \$50.00 advance rent deposit.
 - (b) Current residents/End of term - A resident may cancel the upcoming portions of a contract by submitting a written notice of cancellation to the office of Student Housing 30 days before the end of any term. A resident who fails to check out at the end of the term may be held responsible for rent for the next term.
 - (c) Assignment to out-of-town rotation - A resident who receives an out-of-town assignment will be released by submitting a 30-day notice of cancellation.
 - (d) Marriage during Contract - A resident will be released with 30 day notice and proof of marriage.
 - (e) Withdrawal, Suspension or Dismissal - A resident who withdraws from the university or is suspended or dismissed from the University is expected to vacate the residence halls within 24 hours of completing university withdrawal or official notification of suspension or dismissal.

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